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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT

file 2

1. A check of the GROSSBAHN files reveals the following items which may be pertinent to the present problem;

A- EASA-2412, 29 Oct. 1953 - Para 2 states; "He (GROSSBAHN) has been warned that under ^{any} no circumstances is he to attempt ~~in~~ contact with the overt CIA office. It has also been suggested to him that he would be probably be better off not trying to pick up social contact with any of his former case officers or CIA acquaintances."

B- In a Memorandum to Chief/Liaison Control Branch, FI, from Chief

EE/A dated 19 Nov. 1953, EE/A stated that; "It is understood this (backstopping arrangement with Dept. of Defense) will apply only in cases ^(E) where references are needed for employment in private industry and in non-sensitive jobs. The individual (GROSSBAHN) will be instructed to refrain from applying for sensitive jobs with the United States government which will entail a thorough investigation." The file indicates that this was communicated to the Subject.

C- There is no single piece of paper in the GROSSBAHN files

(three volumes of the XII numbered files appear to be missing) which spells out

the exact circumstances ^{UNDER WHICH HE} of his having received a U.S. immigration visa. ~~XXXX~~

Extracts of a number of documents indicate the following. GROSSBAHN received

U.S. immigration visa #14846 (German Quota) on application number I-264531

issued at the American Consulate General in Munich on 24 ^U Aug. 1953 after CIA

had recommended issuance. As a supporting document GROSSBAHN was issued

a Temporary Travel Document (TTD) #0131147 dated June 3 1953 and issued in Berlin, Germany. He arrived in New York City on 2 Feb. 1953⁴ aboard the Andri~~a~~ Doria.

D- Information relating to GROSSBAHN's NSDAP and SS connections

was not concealed from the ~~XXXX~~ Immigration and Naturalization Service. The true story, as CIA than ~~had~~ knew it, was made known to them and they agreed after consultation with our Alien Affairs Staff, to make the administrative decision to admit GROSSBAHN as an immigrant. CIA did not provide a sponsor but we are on record with I and NS as vouching for GROSSBAHN and providing ~~XXXX~~ all other assurance that he was not a security hazard. His entry was in effect accomplished ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ by the CIA statement that his services on our behalf were of such a nature as to override his otherwise undesirable background as defined by the McCarran^a Act.

2. The CIA Alien Affairs Staff has been asked to check their files for additional information and will be in touch with us as soon as they have something to report.